

APPENDIX A: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Letter Concerning Threatened and Endangered Species



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• List updated by telephone conversation
on February 5, 2001 with Rick Farris, VFWO,
to include consideration of critical
habitat for California red-legged
frog • Chris Adams NPS - DSC - PDS

August 30, 2000

Memorandum

To: Natural Resources Specialist, National Park Service, Denver Service Center,
Denver, Colorado

From: *Diane K. Noble*
Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California

Subject: Species List for a Proposed Rehabilitation Project at Solstice Canyon, Los
Angeles County, California (1621(DSC-PDS) SAMO.364)

This letter is in response to your request, dated August 1, 2000, and received in our office on August 7, 2000, for information on threatened and endangered species which may be present in or near the vicinity of the proposed project at Solstice Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles County. We have attached a list of federally listed species which may occur in the subject area. No proposed or candidate species or critical habitat occur in the area.

The enclosed list of species fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The National Park Service (NPS), as the lead Federal agency for the project, has the responsibility to review its proposed activities and determine whether any listed species may be affected. If the project is a construction project which may require an environmental impact statement^{1/}, the NPS has the responsibility to prepare a biological assessment to make a determination of the effects of the action on the listed species. If the NPS determines that a listed species will likely be adversely affected, it should request, in writing through our office, formal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act. Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to threatened or endangered species prior to a written request for formal consultation. During this review process, the NPS may engage in planning efforts but may not make any irreversible commitment of resources. Such a commitment could constitute a violation of section 7(d) of the Act.

The Service recommends that you review information in the California Department of Fish and Game's (Department) Natural Diversity Data Base and that you contact the Department at (916) 324-3812 for information on other species of concern that may occur in the project area. If you have any questions regarding the species noted on the list or the NPS's responsibilities under the Act, please contact Rick Farris of my staff at (805) 644-1766.

Attachment

^{1/} "Construction project" means any major Federal action which significantly affects the quality of the human environment designed primarily to result in the building of structures such as dams, buildings, roads, pipelines, and channels. This includes Federal actions such as permits, grants, licenses, or other forms of Federal authorizations or approval which may result in construction.

**LISTED THAT MAY OCCUR NEAR THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT SOLSTICE
CANYON IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATURAL RECREATION AREA,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY , CALIFORNIA.**

Birds

Least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E
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Amphibians

California red-legged frog	<i>Rana aurora draytonii</i>	T
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Fish

Tidewater goby	<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>	E
Steelhead trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	*T

Plants

Braunton's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus brauntonii</i>	E
Lyon's pentachaeta	<i>Pentachaeta lyonii</i>	E
Santa Monica Mountains live-forever	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i> ssp. <i>ovatifolia</i>	T
Marcescent dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i> ssp. <i>marcescens</i>	T

Key:

E - Endangered T - Threatened

* The National Marine Fisheries Service is the responsible agency for the steelhead.